

HOUSE RESOLUTION 385

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Ernest Owen Tatum of Lebanon.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Ernest Owen Tatum; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tatum was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Owen Tatum was the son of the late John and Dolly Foutch Tatum, who taught him the value of hard work and service to others; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong farmer, Mr. Tatum also served with acumen and alacrity as an employee with DuPont, in which position he earned the respect of his colleagues and community alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Owen Tatum was an active and devout member of the Berea Church of Christ, where he faithfully served his Lord for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tatum was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Ernest Owen Tatum was preceded in death by his brother, Frank Tatum and his daughter-in-law, Polly Hunter Tatum; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tatum is survived by his beloved wife of fifty-eight years, Janette Tatum; his daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Richard Beadle; his sons, Philip Tatum and Barry Tatum; his grandchildren and their spouses, Brandon and Melissa Farmer, Will Hunter-Tatum, Bryan and Melissa Farmer, and Brittany Farmer; and his great-grandchildren, Cameron and Jacob; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Owen Tatum leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Ernest Owen Tatum, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Tatum.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.